

REMARKS

Claims 42-144 are pending. The title of the Application had been amended. Furthermore, paragraphs in the specification have been amended to reflect the issuance of a serial number in Applicant's copending application, to claim priority to earlier applications, and to fix certain typographical errors.

This divisional application pursues Group III claims 15-41 which were not elected for prosecution in this application's parent case, serial number 09/777,129. Applicant submits that new claims 42-144 are directed to the same basic subject matter as claims 15-41, and hence are consistent with the restriction requirement issued in the '129 application, and are not subject to further restriction from this application.

A clean copy of the claims as amended by this response is attached for the Examiner's convenience, as is a clean copy of the amended specification paragraphs.

Respectfully submitted,



Terril G. Lewis  
Reg. No. 46,065  
Attorney for Applicant

HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE,  
LLP  
750 Bering Drive  
Houston, Texas 77057-2198

Date: 1-11-2001